

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): Process for making a wet-skin treatment composition comprising:
 - (a) an aqueous phase containing less than 1% of an anionic surfactant, comprising water and a dispersion stabilizer, wherein said dispersion stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of inorganic dispersion stabilizers selected from clays, silicas and mixtures thereof; organic stabilizers selected from about C₁₄ to C₂₂ acyl derivatives or mixtures, alkanolamides, fatty acid esters, emulsifying waxes, amine oxides and mixtures thereof having a molecular weight lower than about 1000 Daltons and capable of forming a network in the aqueous phase that immobilizes a dispersed structured oil phase; polymeric stabilizers selected from carbohydrate gums, acrylate-containing homo and co-polymers and mixtures thereof; and
 - (b) a structured oil phase, having weight average droplet size 20 to 300 microns, having a viscosity of 100 to 5000 poise measured at 1 sec⁻¹ at 25°C comprising:
 - i) an oil selected from triglycerides, modified triglycerides, or their mixtures;
 - ii) 1% to 75% by wt. of a structurant that forms a stable 3-dimensional network comprising finely divided solid particles having a particle size below about 25 microns which builds the viscosity of said skin compatible oil, which particles are present in said liquid oil at a temperature below 35°C and wherein said structurant is selected

from the group of organic structurants selected from solid fatty esters, fats, fatty acid, fatty amine, fatty alcohol, wax, petrolatum and mixtures thereof having MW less than 5000 Daltons, inorganic structurants selected from silica, clay and mixtures thereof or mixtures of said organic and inorganic structurants;

wherein said structured oil phase is dispersed in said aqueous phase to form an oil-in-water emulsion having a weight average droplet size of 1 to about 500 microns;

wherein said structured oil phase of said wet skin treatment, rinse-off composition is retained on the skin, after rinsing, as measured by a score of at least 0.15 on a skin retention efficiency index calculated using an in-vitro skin retention test;

wherein said oil-in-water emulsion has an irritation potential measured below 0.3 on a zein solubility scale calculated using zein solubility test; and

wherein said emulsion is low foaming as measured by a foam volume below 5 cc as measured in the solution shake test;

wherein said process comprises:

(i) directly mixing said structured oil phase and an aqueous phase comprising said dispersion stabilizer to form droplets of an aqueous solution containing oil mixture having weight average droplet size of greater than about 100 microns;

- (ii) passing said mixture through a screen having opening of up to about 2000 micrometers to make oil drops of about 20 to 500 microns in size.

Claims 2 - 3 (canceled)

4. (previously presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein the structurant is an organic structurant and said organic structurant forms a solution in said oil at a temperature greater than 40°C and said structurant solidifies to form said stable network of finely divided solid particles upon cooling said solution to a temperature below 35°C.

5. (original): A process according to claim 1, wherein weight average droplet size is 5 to 500 microns.

6. (original): The process according to claim 1, wherein the structured oil phase has a weight average droplet size in the range of 20 to about 200 microns.

7. (original): The process according to claim 1, wherein the structured oil phase has a viscosity in the range of 200 to 2000 poise at a shear rate of 1 sec⁻¹ and a temperature of 25°C.

Claim 8 (canceled)

9. (previously presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein said composition additionally comprises a functional skin benefit agent selected from the group consisting of humectants, occlusive agents, barrier lipids, skin repair agents, UV screens, vitamins, skin lightening agents, antimicrobials, antioxidants, and mixtures thereof.

10. (previously presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein said composition additionally comprises a sensory modifier selected from the group consisting of emollients, skin conditioning agents, perfumes, distributing agents, chemosensory agents and mixtures thereof.

11. (previously presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein said composition additionally comprises a chemical preservative.

12. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein said composition additionally comprises a chelating agent.

13. (previously presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein said composition additionally comprises an essential oil.

Claim 14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented): A process according to claim 4, wherein the organic structurant is a solid fatty acid ester that forms a solution in triglyceride, modified triglyceride or mixture thereof at temperature greater than 40°C and said structurant solidifies to form stable 3-dimensional network of final divided solids upon cooling said solution to a temperature below 35°C.

16. (previously presented): A process according to claim 15, wherein the solid fatty acid is trihydroxystearin.

17. (previously presented): A process according to claim 1, wherein the organic structurant is petrolatum.

Claim 18. (canceled)

19. (new): A process according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous phase contains less than 1% of a surfactant.

20. (new): A process according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous phase is free of anionic surfactant.

21. (new): A process according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous phase is free of surfactant.